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The Goonies turns 40!

Hey you guys! Fan-favorite film *The Goonies* turns forty this year, making it—dare we say—worthy of celebration in our local history museum. Our newest Heritage Museum Special Exhibit *Quiet on Set! Behind the Scenes with The Goonies* does just that! Utilizing large-scale, behind-the-scenes photos taken during filming, popular props from our collection, and first-hand accounts from those who worked on the film, *Quiet on Set!* offers a truly local take on this national phenomenon.

Opening reception Tuesday April 1, 5:30-7pm, at the Heritage Museum.

Behind-the-scenes photos from *The Goonies* [l-r]: the "Goonies" house; actors Jeff Cohen, Sean Astin, Ke Huy Quan, and Corey Feldman; film crew at Cannon Beach. Lower left, Statue of David prop.

Find out about other exciting events celebrating *The Goonies* 40th Anniversary

goonies weekend.com

Double Vision: The Art and Science of Optical Illusions in Clatsop County Extended!

Our popular exhibit *Double Vision* will remain on display at the Heritage Museum through the end of the year. Exploring the development of the optical devices that would eventually lead to the development of the movie industry, *Double Vision* provides the perfect complement to *Quiet on Set!*

Stereo Graphoscope featured in *Double Vision*.

Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

A fascinating part of my job is learning more about Victorian household items. While some of these objects have clear, modern-day equivalents, others take a great deal more detective work to figure out. A great source for researching objects is the Sears, Roebuck and Co. mail-order catalog. Published regularly from 1888 to 1993, these bound volumes offered everything one might need to furnish their home, and, for a time, even sold kits containing everything needed to build the home itself. Over the years, the earliest copies of these catalogs have been reprinted, making them a valuable tool for museum curators and home collectors alike. I personally keep a copy of their 1897 catalog close at hand, full of research notes and a list of interesting items to keep an eye out for that I might eventually add to the Flavel House collection.

Items such as the darning egg [left] and sewing bird [above] were common Victorian-era sewing supplies.

Two of the more interesting items I have been able to add to the Flavel House can be found in the sewing table on the west end of the Music Room: the sewing bird and the darning egg. The sewing bird—also known as a sewing clamp, hemming clamp, or third hand—would be clamped to a table while the fabric being worked would be secured in the bird's beak, allowing the sewer to pull the fabric taut with one hand while stitching with the other. The darning egg was used to repair socks and other, similar items. While generally, sewing birds are no longer a common household item, the recent trend in repairing rather than replacing clothes has led to a resurgence in the use of tools such as darning eggs.

April Fools'

Come, celebrate April Fools' at the Flavel House with our annual scavenger hunt. Not content to be fools only for a day, we have placed incorrect items throughout the Flavel House for the entire month of April. Can you find them all?

The Flavels, like many Victorians, appreciated a good April Fools' Day prank. They may have enjoyed another April 1st tradition as well. In 1886, daughters Nellie and Katie Flavel spent April 1st in Paris, France. While there they may have partaken in the French holiday Poisson d'Avril, or April Fish. A popular April Fish Day prank involves sticking a paper fish on the back of an unexpecting individual. Upon discovering the fish, the person is declared the "Poisson d'Avril!"

Thursday Night Talks

We have two exciting Thursday Night Talks (TNT) lined up for March and April! On March 20th we welcome Peter Marsh, author of *Liberty Factory: The Untold Story of Kaiser's NW Shipyards.* Honor Women's History Month by learning more about the important work women did locally during the Second World War.

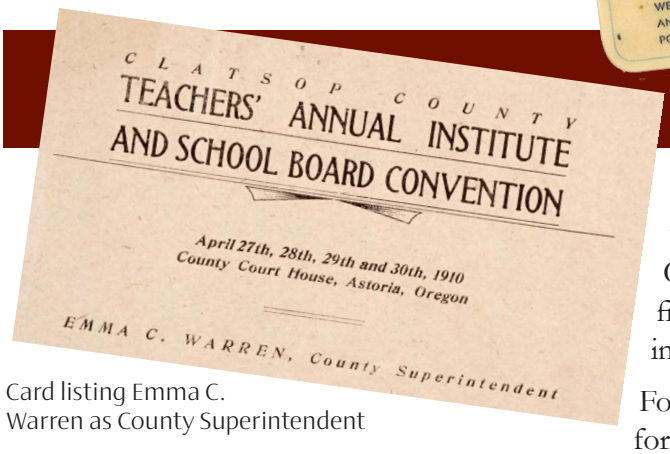
Then on April 17th, join local historians Lauri Serafin and Eric Wheeler as they take a deep dive into the history of the 1892 brick warehouse at the base of 4th Street on Astoria's waterfront. Now home to Pacifick Distillery, come learn more about its origins, original use, and the family behind its construction.

Fort George's Lovell Showroom. Doors open at 6. Talk begins at 7.

Front and back of welder card issued to L. Wood on August 2, 1944 [left], and interior of Kaiser Shipyard workroom [above].

Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist


CLATSOP COUNTY
TEACHERS' ANNUAL INSTITUTE
AND SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION
April 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1910
County Court House, Astoria, Oregon
EMMA C. WARREN, County Superintendent

Card listing Emma C. Warren as County Superintendent

Celebrating Women's History Month with the Clatsop County Historical Society (CCHS) Internet Archive Collection

Clatsop County has been home to many influential women in various fields. You can use CCHS Internet Archive to learn more about locally important ladies and more, of course!

For example – you have probably heard the name Daniel Knight Warren for whom the city of Warrenton is named. But did you know that one of his first cousins from back in Bath, NY also came to Astoria? Her name was Emma C. Warren. She was born in Bath, NY to Phineas Jr. and Mary Beam Warren in 1846. Her father's brother was Danforth Warren, the father of D.K., making D.K. and Emma first cousins, with Emma 10 years older. D.K. arrived in Clatsop County in 1864. Emma moved to Astoria in 1885 after teaching for a few years in Bath, NY. Seeing a need for more schools in Astoria, she opened a private school for advanced students in 1886 that operated for nine years on Exchange St. between 11th and 12th. Her school, called The Astoria Select School, merged into McClure High School in 1895 where she taught for seven more years as the head of the English Department. She stopped teaching in 1902 and opened "The Little Book Store" on 10th St. which she closed in 1905 when the Clatsop County Court appointed her Superintendent of the Astoria School District. Oregon state law at the time, however, stated that a woman was not eligible for the position. They hired a man for the job, but he resigned soon after due to the overwhelming popularity of Miss Warren. She was also an influential leader among the Oregon State Teachers' Association. She retired in 1911 and lived at 761 9th St. (post-1955 address.) She never married but continued to be active in many local groups such as the Astoria Reading Club and the Presbyterian Church. She influenced many young people of Clatsop County and left a legacy of the importance of education for all.

The CCHS Archives, both physical and digital, are full of stories such as these. We are proud to be able to share almost 3900 items with you on our Internet Archive! We continue to add new items every week so that you may be able to find even more information to add to your own research. March is a great time to research the important women in your past!

We now have over 3,800 items available online!

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Upcoming Events

March 20: *TNT* featuring Peter Marsh, author of *Liberty Factory: The Untold Story of Kaiser's NW Shipyards*, Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6pm.

April 1: *Quiet on Set!* Opening Reception, Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street, 5:30-7pm.

April 1-30: April Fools' in the Flavel House. Buy tickets at the Carriage House, 714 Exchange Street.

April 17: TNT featuring Lauri Serafin and Eric Wheeler, Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6pm.

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8:30-9pm: Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN.

Wednesdays at 1pm: Flavel House Garden Society, volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds.

Coming up…

Join us for Goonies Weekend, June 5-8. For more information visit: www.gooniesweekend.com

Casino Night Revelers Pose in the Louvre Saloon at the Heritage Museum

Our annual Casino Night fundraiser was a success thanks to our presenting sponsor Northwest Lending Group and our table sponsors Arbor Care Tree Specialists, Bornstein Seafoods, Kent & LJ Easom, Fultano's Astoria, Old Town Framing, the Stemper Family, and Brett Estes & Eric Williams.